

HAROLD C. STOWE

Harold C. Stowe serves as Chairman and one of the business appointees of the S.C. Education Oversight Committee (E.O.C.). Established by the Education Accountability Act of 1998, the EOC is an independent, non-partisan; 18-member legislative committee made up of educators, business persons, and elected officials who serve by virtue of their elected position or by appointment of the legislature or governor. It bears responsibilities for the development and improvement of SC's educational accountability system and for making recommendations to ensure the continuous improvement of schools.

Harold recently served as president of Canal Holdings, LLC in Myrtle Beach. He received a bachelor's degree in commerce from Washington & Lee University in 1968 and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School in 1970.

He began working for Canal in 1990, serving as Executive Vice President and Co-President. He served as President of Canal from 1997 to 2005. He began his professional career in 1970 as vice president of the National Bank of North Carolina in Charlotte, NC. He later worked as treasurer of Springs Industries in Fort Mill and as executive vice president of The Springs Company in Lancaster.

Harold serves as a board member of numerous business organizations and a member of numerous local and state organizations including the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the Palmetto Business Forum, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Business Advisory Council, and the Palmetto AgriBusiness Council. He is also a member of the Board of Deacons for Kingston Presbyterian Church in Conway.

He and his wife, Claudia, have three children, Crosby, Blair and Patrick.